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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

Commissioner of Patents.

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.
2. The information is required to identify products and services embodying the disclosed subject matter of claims 1-37 and identify the properties of similar products and services found in the prior art.
3. In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter.
4. In response to this requirement, please provide a copy of the rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device and method identified in the petition filed 5/4/01 (Paper #3) along with any supporting documents concerning place and date(s) of use and/or sale of the alleged infringing device.
5. In response to this requirement, please state the specific improvements of the claimed subject matter in claims 1, 11, and 34-37 over the disclosed prior art and indicate the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements. For those claims expressed as means or steps plus function, please provide the specific page and line numbers within the disclosure which describe the claimed structure and acts.

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6. The fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97.

7. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item.

8. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of two (2) months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Cardone whose telephone number is (703) 305-8484. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Supervisory Primary Examiner Mark H. Rinehart, can be reached on (703) 305-4815. The fax phone number for Technology Center 2100 is (703) 308-6606.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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